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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: JOINT STATEMENT

REF: BELGRADE 3940

1. YUGOSLAV DRAFT OF JOINT STATEMENT, AMENDED PER OUR COMMENTS IN REFTTEL, FOLLOWS. AMBASSADOR WILL USE THIS DRAFT AS BASIS FOR CONTINUED NEGOTIATING AGREED DRAFT AD REFERENDUM TO SECRETARY FOR APPROVAL.

2. QUOTE: AT THE INVITATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA JOSIP BROZ TITO, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GERALD R. FORD AND MRS. FORD PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA, ON AUGUST 3 AND 4, 1975.

3. CONTINUING THE ESTABLISHED PRACTICE OF REGULAR CONTACTS AND CONSULATIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, PRESIDENTS TITO AND FORD HELD CORDIAL, OPEN AND CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS ON A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES (SIROKA SKALA PITANJA) OF MUTUAL INTEREST. TAKING PART IN THE TALKS WERE.....

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GOVERNMENTS OF YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

ATTACH TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND STABILITY BY A
PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, AND BY ADHERENCE TO THE
PRINCIPLES OF INDEPENDENCE, MUTUAL RESPECT AND FULL
EQUALITY OF SOVERIGN STATES, REGARDLESS OF DIFFERENCES OR
SIMILARITIES IN THEIR SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
SYSTEMS, AND IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE SPIRIT AND PRINCIPLES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

5. PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT PROVIDED AN OCCASION FOR A
THOROUGH REVIEW OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WHICH CONTINUE TO
DEVELOP SUCCESSFULLY. PRESIDENT TITO AND PRESIDENT FORD
CONFIRMED THAT THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THE JOINT
STATEMENT, SIGNED IN WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER 1971,
REPRESENTS THE CONTINUING BASIS FOR RELATIONS AND
COOPERATION BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA. IN CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD
AND PRESIDENT TITO FURTHER STIMULUS WAS GIVEN TO THESE
RELATIONS. THE TWO PRESIDENTS NOTED THAT ADDITIONAL
PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN COOPERATIONS IN THE ECONOMIC
AREA AND AGREED THAT POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR FURTHER
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE, INVESTMENT AND
OTHER CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION.
CONCRETE WAYS TO ACHIEVE EXPANSION IN THIS FIELD WERE
DISCUSSED.

6. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ONCE AGAIN EMPHASIZED THE SIGNIFICANT
CONTRIBUTION OF EXCHANGES IN THE SPHERE OF SOCIAL AND
PURE SCIENCES, CULTURE, EDUCATIONS, INFORMATION, ETC., TO
THE DEEPENING OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT AND
AGREED TO MAKE EFFORTS TO FURTHER DEVELOP SUCH EXCHANGES.

7. PRESIDENT FORD GREETED THE READINESS OF THE YUGOSLAV
GOVERNMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CELEBRATION OF THE
200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
THROUGH VARIOUS CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC PRESENTATION.

8. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EMPHASIZED THE DEEP HISTORICAL
AND CULTURAL TIES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THEIR COUNTRIES,
AND ESPECIALLY THE PART WHICH AMERICANS OF YUGOSLAV ORIGIN
HAVE LONG PLAYED IN STRENGTHENING THE BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP
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BETWEEN THEIR NEW AND FORMER HOMELANDS.

9. THE TWO PRESIDENTS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION OVER
THE RECENT CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND
COOPERATION IN EUROPE. THEY CONSIDER THAT THE CONSISTENT
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT WHICH
THE SIGNATORY COUNTRIES PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO FULFILL,
WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE

CONFERENCE'S IMPORTANT GOALS AND ENCOURAGE FURTHER EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN PEACE AND SECURITY IN EUROPE AND TO IMPROVE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND OTHER RELATIONS AMONG STATES AND PEOPLES.

10. PRESIDENT TITO AND PRESIDENT FORD EMPHASIZED THAT THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF ALL PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING (ZEMLJE U RAZVOJU), IS AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN THE SEARCH FOR A JUST AND EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. REVIEWING THE URGENT PROBLEMS FACING MANKIND IN THE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, THEY AGREED ON THE NEED TO INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS TO FIND EQUITABLE SOLUTIONS ON THE BASIS OF IMPROVED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

11. THE TWO PRESIDENTS REVIEWED A NUMBER OF OTHER IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS, INCLUDING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE MEDITERRANEAN, CYPRUS AND QUESTIONS OF DISARMAMENT.

12. PRESIDENT TITO AND PRESIDENT FORD ACQUAINTED EACH OTHER WITH UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE U.N.

13. PRESIDENT FORD REAFFIRMED THE STEADFAST INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES AND ITS SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE, INTEGRITY, NON-ALIGNED POSITION AND POLICY OF YUGOSLAVIA.

14. THE TWO PRESIDENTS ON THIS OCCASION REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF PERIODIC CONTACTS AND CONSULTATIONS AT VARIOUS LEVELS IN FIELDS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

15. THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THIS JOINT STATEMENT
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ARE THE TOUCHSTONE OF UNITED STATE-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. THEY WILL CONSTITUTE THE FIRM BASIS ON WHICH THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FUTURE. END QUOTE.
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